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News Items from the School of Education of the University of Chicago

THE KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, SUMMER QUARTER, 1921

Following the plan of previous years, the Kindergarten-Primary Department has endeavored, in organizing its program for the Summer Quarter of 1921, to meet the different needs of the large body of students interested in kindergarten and primary education who attend the summer session. Because of the increasing demand, an unusually large number of courses have been planned which will be of special interest to supervisors, critic teachers, and instructors in normal schools. The usual number and variety of courses for classroom teachers will also be offered. All members of the Faculty of the Kindergarten-Primary Department will be in residence. There will also be a number of visiting instructors from different parts of the country, each a specialist in her particular division of primary and kindergarten education.

The following list represents the character of the courses offered for supervisors and critic teachers:

A Curriculum for the Lower Grades Based on Children's Activities, Miss Mabel Goodlander, Instructor in Primary Education, Ethical Culture Normal School, New York City.

The Supervision of Reading in Primary Grades, Miss Yetta Shoninger, Instructor in Education, State Normal School, San Jose, California.

Critical Study of the Kindergarten-First-Grade Curriculum, Miss Katharine Martin, School of Education, University of Chicago.

Supervision of History Teaching in Primary Grades, Miss Grace Storm, School of Education, University of Chicago.

Kindergarten-Primary Supervision, Assistant Professor Alice Temple, School of Education, University of Chicago.

Among the courses planned for teachers are some which are general in character and others which are courses in methods of teaching special subjects in the kindergarten and primary grades.

Courses in the teaching of reading and language will be given by Miss Lucas, Miss Hardy, and Miss Brown of the University Elementary School. Miss Ella Champion, Supervisor of Kindergarten and Primary Grades, Niles, Michigan, will give courses in nature study. A course in the teaching of community life, history, and civics will be offered by Miss Storm. Courses in manual arts will be given by Miss Robinson and Miss Cameron of the University Elementary School. Miss Foxwell, Head of the Kindergarten Department, State Normal School, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, will give a course in plays and games, and Miss Goodlander, a course in dramatization for young children. Miss Martin will give a course entitled the Kindergarten-First-Grade Curriculum, and Miss Temple, a course entitled Unified Kindergarten-First-Grade Teaching.

The registration in all classes in this department will be limited to a number small enough to admit of class discussion and to enable the instructor to become acquainted with each member of the class.

A demonstration class, including a kindergarten and a first-grade group, will be in session during the First Term. This class will be in the charge of Miss Robinson and Miss Hardy, the regular teachers, and Miss Foxwell. It will be open for observation to students registered in the Department.

A series of departmental conferences has been arranged, some of which will be addressed by prominent members of the general faculty. There will be opportunity also for supervisors to arrange for special smaller conferences for the purpose of informal discussion of some of their practical problems.

A full statement of the content of each course will be found in the announcement for the Summer Quarter, which will be sent upon request.